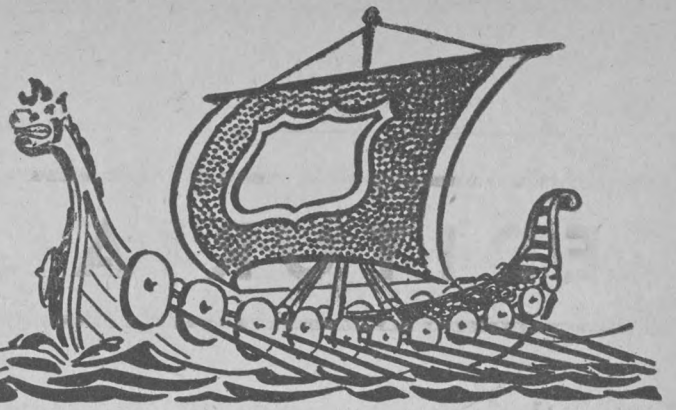




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Buford Girl Honoured

Pope Lending Manuscript To Exhibition

A gesture in the ecumenical spirit.

Stockholm will be the cultural centre of Europe this summer and fall. Three major events will draw to the city the best of Swedish art, opera, ballet, theatre and music.

Opening July 1 the "Queen Christina Exhibition" will present the life of the "first modern European woman" and an entire epoch of European history. The Christina Exhibition, the largest exhibition arranged by the National Gallery in Stockholm is part of a series of exhibitions arranged by the Council of Europe under the theme "Great European Cultural Personalities." By personal courtesy of Pope Paul VI the Vatican as a unique exception to a strict rule, will lend a number of invaluable manuscripts dealing with life of queen Christina.

Queen Christina was the only daughter of King Gustavus II Adolphus, defender of Protestantism in the 30 year war. She lived from 1626 - 1689 but she renounced her right to the Swedish court in 1654 to be converted to catholicism and live in Rome.

It can be assured that the Pope is lending these historical documents in the ecumenical spirit.

The Drottningholm Court Theatre will celebrate its 200th anniversary with no less than 73 performances in the most historically preserved court theatre in the world.

The Stockholm Festival will be held between September 9 - 25, featuring stars like Birgit Nilsson, Nicolai Gedda and Rafael Kubelik.

Norwegian Postage Stamps To Honor Johan Sverdrup

The 150th anniversary of the birth of Johan Sverdrup (1816-92) statesman and Prime Minister of Norway, will be celebrated on July 30 by two new postage stamps of 30 and 60 ore. Both stamps are designed by Chrix Dahl from a portrait of Johan Sverdrup.

Johan Sverdrup was a lawyer by profession and was elected member of the Storting (Norway's Parliament) in 1851. He proved to be a born politician — and an eminent speaker. He was always in the foreground fighting for democratic principles, people's rights, extended franchise, introduction of jury system and democratization of the army. He became Prime Minister of Norway in 1884 as the head of Norway's first liberal government, but his party lost the election in 1888, and Sverdrup resigned in 1889.

News From Ansgar Lutheran Church

Many organizations don't have meetings in the summertime and so it is in the church too, at least in the different groups in August, but the services go on every Sunday at 10 a.m. in August and everyone is very welcome. Further: from August the 13th to the 20th we have our annual summer camp for children (ages 6-16 years) at Moonlight Bay, price only \$15.50. If you would like to send your child or children contact Mrs. Nanna Knudsen, phone 434-6883. In the summer camp we will have an outdoor service on Sunday August the 14th at 4 p.m. where everyone is welcome to attend. Further: Sunday, August 7th we are all invited to a garden-picnic out at Otto Jensen on their farm and there is a special invitation to all visitors from Denmark. It should be at 2:30 p.m.

The new Danish minister, pastor O. Filtenborg, and his family has now moved into a house and their address is 9225 - 86th St., Ph. 469-6123 and he is now ready to register for the confirmation class which will start in the beginning of September.

Danish Agriculturists And Farmers Visit Western Canada

Approximately 100 agriculturists and farmers from Denmark will visit Alberta, B.C. and some of the Western U.S.A. in September this year and they are going to spend three weeks in the West visiting mostly agricultural points of interest.

During their stay in Alberta they will visit the University Farm in Edmonton, Esso Oil Refineries, Alberta Game Farm, The Galloway Bros. Farm in Fort Saskatchewan, the Lacombe Experimental Farm, etc., etc.

While in Edmonton these Danish people also hope to have the opportunity to meet other Scandinavians at a banquet in the Scandinavian Centre.

Some of the participants in the arrangement will also spend some time visiting friends and relatives in this country.

The tour is planned and arranged by Hans H. Kristensens Travel Agency, Osterbrogade 43, Copenhagen.

Scholarship Essay Contest Won By Miss Alda June Markstedt



The annual scholarship essay contest, sponsored by the Vasa Order of America was recently won by a local girl Miss Alda June Markstedt of Buford. Alda was a former member of the Buford Junior Club "Framat" and is now a member of Buford Lodge No. 577.

To honor the occasion a number of members from the Edmonton Lodge Scandia, Buford Lodge, as well as representatives from the Willow Creek community, met at the Willow Creek Community Centre to offer their congratulations and best wishes in all her future endeavors.

Alda looked lovely, calmly sitting at the head table, a beautiful corsage pinned on her by the District Master.

After a few short addresses by the chairman of Buford Lodge, the District Master and the past district Master, a beautiful scroll was presented to her by the Grand Deputy Eric Pierre, then the \$300 cheque was presented by the Past District Master Mrs. Aliason.

Alda most graciously thanked them in a few well chosen words, and said she would go to the Alberta University this fall to further her education.

The evening came to a close with the ladies serving a light lunch consisting of sandwiches, cakes, cookies, ice cream and coffee.

WARNING RE: CHARTERED FLIGHTS

There has been some confusion in the minds of Scandinavians with regard to sponsorship of chartered flights to Scandinavia.

In the past, there have been some flights sponsored under the name of NORDMANNNS-FORBUNDET; THE SCANDINAVIAN HOUR CLUB; and THE SCANDINAVIAN CLUB. Let it be known that none of these three names has anything to do with THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LTD. commonly known as THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE.

Let it be further known that no passenger on a Scandinavian Centre flight has ever lost his (or her) deposit.

The only bonafide chartered flights of the Scandinavian Centre for the summer of 1966 are:—

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FLIGHT NO. 16—

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FLIGHT NO. 17—

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FLIGHT NO. 18—

September 29th to October 29th — Edmonton to Copenhagen \$281.00

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(Director of Copenhagen Flights)

Fall Bowling and Curling Schedule Set

The bowling will start on Friday, September 9th at 9 p.m. at the Coral Lanes and anyone interested can phone Larry Comin at 433-5659 or Winnie Pearson at 455-5608.

Curling will start in mid-October and interested people can phone Milton Fawcett at 599-6925 or Elsie Comin at 433-5659.

S.A.S. Installs UNIVAC In New Copenhagen Centre

Scandinavian Airlines' System (SAS) President Karl Nilsson has sign an agreement with Sperry Rand Corporation calling for installation of UNIVAC data processing equipment in the new SASCO Center in Copenhagen, the airline announced today.

The new center — SASCO II — will provide SAS with a totally integrated reservations, operations and management information system.

The heart of the installation will be two third-generation UNIVAC 494 computers. Only four such computers have been built. Two of them were recently installed at the NASA Manned Space Flight Center in Houston, Texas. SAS will be the first airline in the world to put this computer system into operation.

The new data processing center will be headquartered in a group of new buildings, recently acquired by SAS, adjacent to the old Fort Kast-rup in Copenhagen.

EDITORIAL

From the . . .

PRESIDENT'S DESK

By HELGE RAMSING

SUMMER IS HERE:

We are now in the midst of summer vacations which take many of us out onto highways and to neighboring resorts. Many enjoy a weekend at their cottages or make a trek to the mountains. This is all very desirable and I must say I enjoy the few weekends that we can get away also. What is most discouraging is that each Monday morning the radio presents all the latest figures on how many persons have died by means of road accidents, drownings or other accidental means.

If a little more caution was taken during vacations the high number of unnecessary deaths could be reduced. A few points to watch are listed here:

- A novice paddling a canoe alone.
- Small children on piers without adult supervision.
- Non-swimmers who step out into water beyond their depth.
- Standing up in boats while in motion.
- Pleasure boating without lifejackets.
- Common sense driving on the highways.
- Negligence with camp fires and cigarettes in our forest areas.
- Poison cabinets without padlocks.
- Careless handling of power lawn mowers.
- Disrespect for a loaded gun.

This list could go on and on but these are just a few of the more common causes of tragedy.

EXPO '67:

Fare quotations to Montreal by rail are in the hands of the Secretary. Should anyone wish to take part in group travelling next July this should be made known as soon as possible.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET JUNE 14th, 1966:

- J. Lineham has been appointed as the fifteenth director in charge of Cultural Activities.
- Our Klondike Float will bear the slogan "To Help Build A Greater Canada".
- \$5,000.00 has been applied to the bank loan.
- Annual Celebrations cancelled due to lack of support. Perhaps you wish to observe Dedication Day in some other manner.

OUR VERY YOUNG:

It has been brought to our attention that Miss Alda Jane Markstedt has been made a recipient of a scholarship which is to be applied to her enrollment at the University of Alberta in the fall. What makes this prize so unusual is that it seems this is the first time a Canadian has so been honored by the Vasa Order of America. Alda lives with her parents in Buford where she retains membership with this Swedish organization. She is most active in school activities and during the summers has been assisting in the leadership of the children at camp week at Pigeon Lake.

SOLGLYT
SPOTLIGHT

A house warming party was held for Mr. R. Larson in his home on June 18. Guests who were present were Mr. and Mrs. N. Naversteth, Mrs. R. Sivertsen, Mr. and Mrs. K. Amdam, Mr. and Mrs. N. Hovde, Mr. Peter Hansen, Mr. Eric Dinesen and Mr. and Mrs. A. Searl. Irene Hovde played her guitar and led in a sing-song.

Mrs. J. Faltinson held a surprise birthday party for Ragna Sivertsen and Ruth Hammerstad who celebrated their birthdays on July 2 and 4. They were each presented with a set of jewellery. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Nels Naversteth, Mrs. Chris Hafstad and Mrs. Annie Herstad.

Mrs. Ken Sivertsen (Joan) celebrated her birthday on July 2, the same date as her Mother-in-law.

Mrs. Nels Naversteth is enjoying six weeks of holidays in sunny California.

Mrs. Svend Tychsen is enjoying summer holidays at Hazlet and Swift Current.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hall from Vancouver were guests at the home of Mrs. Ragna Sivertsen the first week in July. Mrs. Hall is Ragnas' niece.

Mrs. Ragna Sivertsen gave a 'Rommegrot' treat at her home on July 10. Rommegrot is a rich hot dish of milk and sour cream, mostly cream, thickened, which must be carefully cooked so it does not scorch or curdle and is served with butter, sugar and cinnamon. Among those who enjoyed this treat were Ragna Arntzen, Ruth Hammerstad, Maisie and Kalmar Amdam, Richard Larson, Nels Naversteth and Mr. and Mrs. A. Searl.

Mrs. Ida Paulson had her daughter Mrs. Tony Monty and her 3 sons from Wildwood, Alta., as recent visitors in her home.

VASA
GLIMPSES

Mike and Lillian Collins welcomed a new son, David Bruce, on June 27. A brother for Gregory and Janice.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lundgren and daughter Lisa from Winnipeg spent their holidays visiting family and friends in Edmonton, Shuswap Lake, B.C., and Yellowstone.

Oscar Carlson visited friends in Edmonton and Vasa Park before flying to Sweden. He will return in early August.

Sheila Ogren left July 20 with a girl friend to spend three weeks touring Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson spent two weeks in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Holland and France. They had time to "cut the grass" before spending two weeks in Clearlake and Winnipeg, Manitoba.



The Horse symbol of Scandinavian Design Cavalcade.

ICELANDIC
NOTES

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. W. Anderson and family in the death of Mrs. Anderson on July 2nd, 1966.

A party of workers again motored to Markerville on June 25th to help clean up the cemetery. Those in the party were Mr. and Mrs. L. Oddson, Mr. J. Henrickson, Mr. F. Arninsson, Mr. A. Arnason and Mr. and Mrs. E. Valgardson. Before returning to the city the group, along with others from the Markerville and Red Deer area, visited the burial grounds of Stephen G. Stephanson, where a wreath was placed at the monument by Mr. Fusi Arnfinson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Summarlidason left by air on June 25th for a month of holidaying in England.

Vince Hagan of Aldergrove, B.C. has been a recent visitor at the home of his aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. A. Arnason.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Henderson, from Moose Jaw, Sask. have been visiting with their son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Bob Henderson.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. K. Eyford and sons Jack and Harold in the recent death of Mr. Ketill Eyford.

Mrs. Don Cameron has been a patient in hospital recently, we hope at this time you are up and about and feeling better Margaret.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Arason and daughter Beverly are holidaying at International Falls, Minn. Mrs. Arason and Beverly will continue on from there to Montreal and Ottawa, where they will visit with Mrs. Arason's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Ross.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Oddson have been Mrs. Oddsons mother Mrs. Rousseau, and sister Judy from Winnipeg, Man. also their niece Miss Rose Mary Low from Norway House, Man.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Thorvaldson and family are holidaying in Lyleton and Winnipeg, Man.

It's Easy To
Get To Know
Norwegians

What are the Norwegians really like? How does their way of life compare with your own? For the "inside story" on these descendants of the Vikings, meet them yourself under the "Know the Norwegians" Program, a free service in Norway designed especially for the tourists who wants to be a goodwill ambassador or to combine study and business interests with his pleasure travel.

Getting to know the Norwegians is easy, as thousands of Americans already have discovered since the "Know the Norwegians" plan was inaugurated in 1955. You simply apply in person at the Oslo Travel Association's office at Raadhugaten 19, in Oslo, and an appointment is made for you with an English-speaking Norwegian who shares your own business, cultural or hobby interests. The Association finds it helpful if you write in advance giving your expected date of arrival, but no appointments are made until you show up in person. A similar program is operated by the Bergen Travel Association, Slottsgaten 1, Bergen.

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Gold-Rush
In Norway

The latest tourist attraction in Norway is a gold-rush! There is gold to be found on the Finnmark mountain plateau in the northernmost province of Norway — in the Land of the Midnight Sun, an unspoiled wilderness where night takes a holiday during the short and hectic summer months.

A veritable gold-rush took place here a generation ago, but the many prospectors who staked their claims, got rather meager profits, and the gold-rush was short-lived. However, the present revival of old days is organized more for fun than for gold — although visitors may still be able to extract enough of the precious metal to make a wedding ring. The gold mining expedition is sponsored by Finnmark Tourist Office in Alta, and a gold miners' camp has been set up about 44 miles from Karasjok at a spot where the remains of the original camp can still be seen.

Visitors fly by SAS from Oslo to Lakselv and then by bus to Karasjok in one day. The trip from Karasjok to the camp takes about 2 hours by flat-bottomed Lapp river boat, and passes through some of the wildest and most unspoiled country in the whole of Europe. Human habitations are few and far between, and Bruin is uncrowned king. At present, accommodation is in tents, but miner-style bunkhouses and Lapp turf huts are being added. Meals will be prepared bareque-fashion over an open fire, and the staple diet will be glorious fresh salmon, trout and red char straight from Karasjok river, and reindeer steaks provided by local Lapps.

The trip from Karasjok and back costs kr 200 per river boat (3 passengers) and kr 15 per person per day in the camp.



FINNISH FOOTNOTES

Recent visitors to Vancouver, B.C. were Mr. and Mrs. S. Kit of Edmonton. During their stay there they visited Miss S. Keituri, formerly of Edmonton.

Miss Eija Haime was a recent visitor at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Karvonen and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Karvonen of Edmonton. Miss Haime, who is a nurse, worked for a year in Denver, Colorado. After leaving Edmonton she will spend three weeks in Hawaii and then Miss Haime will take a two month long cruise which will take her through the Orient, and while there she will visit Mr. F. Bruun in Hong Kong. The cruise will continue through the Suez Canal and Mediterranean ending in London, England. From there Miss Haime will take another ship back home to Helsinki, Finland.

The annual 'Juhannuskokko' was well attended and this year the weather was very sunny and warm. The bonfire was lit shortly before midnight and everyone sang and danced around it. Coffee was served and next day the usual "Kala-soppa" was enjoyed by all.

Point of interest was that "The Egyptian" or Mika Waltari's "Sinuhe Egyptiläinen" was seen on TV recently.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Rastas of Edmonton wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Irja to Mr. Julius Toljard also of Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. Jaakkola and family and their guest from Finland Miss M. Jaakkola motored to Vancouver recently. While there they visited some former Edmontonians. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Surakka, S. Keituri and Mr. and Mrs. M. Ronkkonen who all send their best regards to friends in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rama had a very enjoyable holiday at Radium Hot Springs recently.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Salo and Brian and Mr. and Mrs. E. Salo motored to the mountains for some fishing during the recent long weekend.

Happy Birthday to everyone who celebrates during August. Special birday greetings to the following members of Finnish Society whose birthdays are in August; Mr. P. Utunen, Mr. T. Salomaa, and Mr. A. Ruuth, Mr. V. Leino, Mr. O. Salo and Mr. H. Langeste.

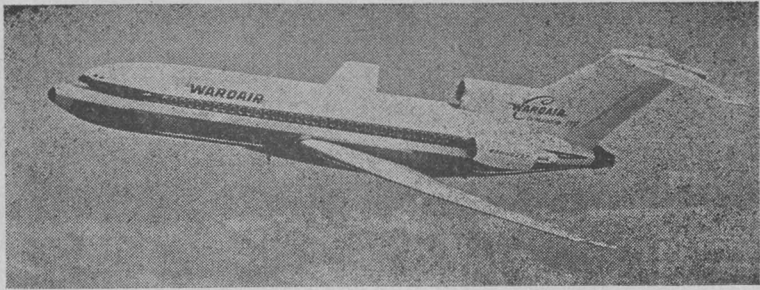
A recent visitor to Hollow Lake, Alberta was Mrs. Laukkanen's sister from Finland. She arrived on July 4th.

Speedy recovery to Mr. O. Tervonen who met with an industrial accident recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Karvonen left for vacation in eastern Canada.

Mrs. Nykanen from Finland was a recent guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Tervonen of Edmonton.

FALL JET SPECIAL



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Sons Of Norway Hold Mid-Summer Picnic June 25th

A summer rain shower in the late afternoon of June 25, did nothing to daunt the crowd of picnickers who turned out to enjoy pot-luck at Laurier Park. There was a good variety of delicious food and plenty of help in service. Mr. H. Haugen made the coffee and Mr. Stollie barbecued wieners. There was lots of fun and games after the picnic supper; a peanut scramble for the kids, a race for the women, and walking races for husband and wife. Mr. Haugen was also in charge of the races. Mr. Inge Anderson supervised the ball games for those who played ball. Sing-songs were led by Mrs. Mina MacDonald and Irene Hovee who also sang in Norwegian. Mr. Melsness entertained on the accordion.

Buford Lodge Pays Last Respects To Andrew Pearson

Members of the Buford Lodge No. 577 paid their last respects to a well loved fellow member of twenty years, Andrew Pearson, at the Lutheran Cemetery near Willow Creek, where he was buried on July 12, 1966. He will be sadly missed by members and friends in the area.

The Weiner Roast originally planned for July 15, was postponed till July 22nd.

Several people from the area, attended Vasa Workshop at Pigeon Lake, Bob Pearson, Floyd Modin, Albin and Wanda Markstedt took in the very worthwhile sessions.

Ray, Clair and Avis Pearson are holidaying in Norway and Sweden, having taken advantage of Wardair's Charter flight. Glen Pearson is holding the fort at home during their absence.

Ernest and Ruby Kvarnberg played host at a lovely lawn party, to approximately 150 guests, in honor of Lionel and Verna Larson, who were married recently.

Fred and Mavis Hamilton accompanied by their children Jimmie, Joan and Tim, spent a weeks' holiday in the mountains, swimming in the hot pools at Fairmont and Radium.

Fillers . .

NORWAY, July 30, 1966: 150th anniversary of birth of Johan Sverdrup (1816-92), statesman and Prime Minister of Norway, 30 ore olive grey and 60 ore carmine brown, designed by Chrux Dahl from old portrait, photogravure by Emil Moestue of Oslo, printed on paper from Saugbruksforeningen of Halden, sheets of 100 stamps, no watermark, perforation 13.

Boys at the Helsinki, Finland, Technical Trade School were ordered to get rid of their Beatle-style haircuts or wear ladies' hair nets. The school superintendent gave the order after one boy got his long curls tangled in a lathe and narrowly escaped serious head injury.

Regular Meeting Of Skandia Lodge Held July 4th At Pigeon Lake

The regular meeting of Lodge Skandia No. 549 was held in the club house at Vasa Park on July 4. Despite the wet weather there was good attendance. Visitors welcomed were: District Master, Floyd Modin, from Buford, District Secretary, Bert Johnson from Calgary, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Algot Pearson, of Buford, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lang, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sundahl, of Calgary.

The charter was draped and one minute of silence observed in remembrance of Sister Clara Modin who passed away June 8. The Sisters who helped with the funeral arrangements were thanked.

Betty Pearson reported there would be no Children's Camp for 1966. It was recommended that plans for Children's Week be started in February. A Children's Day was to be held on July 16 at Vasa Park.

The entertainment committee reported a Barbecue and Dance will be held on August 13. The Check-mates will play.

District Master Floyd Modin presided at the installation ceremony

of Vice-President Willard Modin, and Vice Recording Secretary Carol Enquall.

Evelyn Modin thanked all who helped the Sports Club put on a successful dance, dinner, and picnic.

A vote of thanks to Marjory Correll of Vancouver, and Ruth Bergquist for the new drapes on the club house windows.

District Master Floyd Modin, and District Secretary Bert Johnson spoke on the workshop held July 1 and 2. Each thanked Skandia Lodge for their hospitality in accommodations and lunches.

Betty Pearson thanked the Sisters who had donated baking for the workshop lunches.

Following the meeting, and a lunch supplied by the Klondike Committee, a Klondike Dance. Lively music supplied by Sven Sjogren of Wetaskiwin was followed by a midnight pancake feast.

The next meeting will be held August 6, 8:00 p.m., at Vasa Park. A weiner roast and singsong will follow.

North Cape Europe's Northern-Most Point

North Cape is situated on Mage-roy island at the latitude of 71 degree 10'21", the northernmost point in the whole of Europe. The village of Honningsvag, which lies on the southern tip of the island, is the northernmost village in the world, a thriving fishing village of 4,000 souls. A motoring road between Honningsvag and North Cape was completed in 1955 and covers a distance of 22 miles. There is usually a Lapp camp with reindeer herd at Normanset, about 2 miles outside Honningsvag on the North Cape road. A restaurant, the North Cape Hall, was built on the mountain plateau in 1958, so now you can have a "nightcap at North Cape." There is also a post office, where visitors can dispatch postcards franked with the beautiful North Cape postage stamps. The North Cape post office also sells a special certificate, proving the fact that you've been there.

The North Cape mountain plateau rises a thousand feet out of the ocean, a black cliff which is more famous for its location than for its bleak scenery. It is probably one of the most photographed spots in the whole of Europe — particularly at midnight. The whole disc of the Midnight Sun is visible at North Cape from May 14 to July 30, but its is never really dark at night long before and after these dates.

An adventurous Viking named Ottar rounded the northernmost point of Norway in his Viking ship in 880, bound for the White Sea. Later he was sent to England as an emissary from King Harold the Fairhaired (860-940). Ottar met King Alfred the Great (871-901) and recounted the strang experiences from his journey "beyond the known world," and King Alfred wrote the historical ac-

Reidar Johan Berle, 48-year-old artist of Bergen, has a drawing of Lapp boy and girl riding a reindeer in the 1966 UNESCO Calendar. He is the first Norwegian artist to be represented in the Calendar.

Tourist Traffic Norway - Russia

The Norwegian Government has sent a memorandum to the Soviet embassy in Oslo, outlining Norway's position on future tourist traffic between Skafferhullet on the Norwegian side of the joint border, and Boris Gleb on the Soviet side.

It is reaffirmed in this memorandum that the Norwegian Government is "favorable to development of a normal tourist traffic between Norway and the Soviet Union in the northern area, with opportunity for tourists — regardless of nationality — to travel in both directions across the Norwegian-Soviet border on the basis of regulations concerning passports and visas that apply in Norway and USSR."

The memorandum goes on to observe that, in the opinion of the Norwegian Government, last year's special arrangement "created problems that cannot be said to have contributed to the development of normal neighbor relations. For this reason, Norway cannot consent to restoration of a special border traffic arrangement for Boris Gleb in the same forms that were practised in 1965." The memorandum suggests that practical matters concerning border crossings this summer should be discussed by the border commissioners of Norway and USSR on the basis of the treaty of December 29, 1949.

Under last year's special arrangements, citizens of the Nordic countries could visit the Russian tourist center at Boris Gleb by showing passports and by paying a fee of six kroner. The arrangement did not apply to non-Nordic visitors, nor did it give Russians an opportunity to visit Norway in the same manner that Nordic citizens could visit the Soviet enclave. So it was strictly a one-way arrangement.

Ceremony In North Dakota Honors Sondre Norheim

An unusual ceremony took place at the cemetery near Denbigh in North Dakota on June 12, when a memorial plaque was unveiled in honor of the Father of modern skiing — Sondre Norheim, who was born in Morgedal, a remote mountain valley in Telemark, Norway, on June 10, 1825, and died in Denbigh in 1897. Mr. Jakob Vaage, ski historian and curator of the Norwegian Ski Museum at Holmenkollen attended the ceremony on behalf of Morgedal Ski Club and the Norwegian Ski Promotion Society.

Sondre Norheim revolutionized the sport of skiing by inventing bindings that secured the heel to the ski. This enabled him to execute turns at speed, without his skis falling off. Sondre Norheim and his friends in Morgedal became the very first "slalom skiers in the world. He was also an outstanding ski jumper, and won the top prize at the first ski jumping competition which took place in 1866. Sondre Norheim emigrated to U.S.A. and spent the rest of his life in Minnesota and North Dakota.

First day cancellations are available against self-addressed envelope and payment of 90 ore to Postens Filatelitjeneste, Kirkegata 20, Oslo 1, Norway.

Biggest Social Reform In Norway's History

The Government bill on the National Insurance Act was approved by the Norwegian Parliament's Odelsting division on June 9, in accordance with recommendations of the Social Affairs Committee. The Lagting was expected to follow suit. It is considered the most important social reform in Norway's history. Government proposals for provisions not yet included in the bill will be submitted to Parliament later.

PRINCIPAL FEATURES

As approved by the Odelsting, the National Insurance Act going into force Jan. 1, 1967, incorporates five social security schemes. These now provide Old Age Pensions, Rehabilitation Allowance, Disability Pensions, Widows and Mothers Pensions (extended to Widowers as well), and Survivor Benefits for Children. At a future stage, the Occupational Injury Pension, the comprehensive Health Insurance Plan, and Unemployment Insurance may also be included in the National Insurance.

Membership will be obligatory for all residents of Norway, whether citizens or not, and also for Norwegian foreign service employees. Alien seamen serving on Norwegian merchant ships will temporarily be excluded, unless they live in Norway.

BASIC PENSION

Benefits under the National Insurance Act will be graduated according to the individual member's previous income and years of employment. For a person with normal income, the full old-age pension will be about two-thirds of previous income. However, the system operates so that the pension percentage decreases with increasing income.

Most of the benefits under the scheme are fixed in proportion to a basic amount, which at the start will be 5,400 kroner. It will be subject to subsequent adjustment in accordance with variations in the level of prices and incomes. Pensions begin at the age of 70, same as now.

The minimum Old Age Pension from Jan. 1, 1967, will be 5,400 kroner for a single person and 8,100 kroner for a married couple, as compared with 4,500 and 6756 kroner, respectively, now. A spouse not entitled to his or her own pension and a pensioner with dependent children will receive a maintenance allowance constituting 50% and 25%, respectively, of the basic amount. The maximum annual pension will be 28,800 kroner.

SUPPLEMENTARY PENSION

Members under the age of 68 on Jan. 1, 1967, will be able to earn a

supplementary pension calculated on the basis of income and years of employment. All earned income up to 8 times the basic amount (43,200 in 1967) will be regarded as pensionable, with the pension to be calculated on the basis of the 20 best income years. Full supplementary pension will constitute 45% of that proportion of the pensionable income which exceeds the basic amount. To obtain full supplementary pension, the insurance period has to be at least 40 years. If shorter, the supplementary pension will be reduced accordingly.

Rehabilitation assistance will, by and large, be extended according to present guidelines. The primary objective will continue to be to help physically handicapped persons to regain their earning power, as much as possible.

With regard to a member who becomes disabled after the Act goes into force, full disability pension will in principle be equivalent to the old age pension he or she would have received on attaining the pension age. A member whose earning power has been reduced by a least 50% will be eligible for disability pension. Pension recipient will also get maintenance allowance for the support of a spouse or children.

In case of death, the surviving spouse may be granted a pension scaled according to his or her earning capacity. The surviving husband or wife will receive a lump payment equivalent to 40% of the basic pension (2,160 kroner in 1967). Additional grants for education, training and home assistance are also provided for in the Act.

The National Insurance plan will be financed by contributions, fixed as percentage of pensionable income, from employed and self-employed members, employers, the state, and the municipalities. At the start, employee members will pay 4.00%; employers 7.00%, the state .75% and the municipality .75%, for a total of 12.50%. Self-employed will contribute 6%, with the state and the municipality each contributing .75%, or a total of 7.50%. Contributions from employers and self-employed will rise at the rate of .6% a year. By 1970 employers will be paying 8.8% and selfemployed 7.8% annually.

The surplus after payment of benefits and administration cost will be put into the National Insurance Fund. By 1970, this should have a reserve of 2,217 million kroner. The plan will be managed by the National Insurance Institution, with local social security offices acting as agents.

City Girls To Travel To Camps

Two Edmonton girls will go to far away camps this summer.

Patty Ross, 16, of 10207 - 67th St. will go to a national jamboree of guides and scouts in Reykjavik, Iceland.

Marsha Meiklejohn, 17, 10648 63rd St. will join nine other Canadian girls for the 1966 "All States Encampment and Visit to the U.S.A."

Both Patty and Marsha are executive members of the 4th Edmonton Land Ranger Company and both have the gold cord, the highest

Skandia Lodge Hosts Workshop

Skandia Lodge hosted the bi-annual workshop at Vasa Park on July 1 and 2. Members from district lodges were in attendance and reported a worthwhile weekend.

achievement in guiding.

Patty has just completed grade 11 at McNally High School.

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She will receive a briefing in Toronto before flying to Iceland for the one-week camp.

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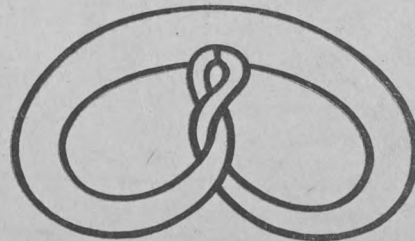
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Dag Hammarskjold's Home In Sweden

by Edward Maze

When Dag Hammarskjold considered retirement, his thoughts turned to Backakra, an estate in the southern part of Sweden. Although he loved the mountains in northern Sweden, and paid them tribute in his splendid "Mountain Diary," it was at Backakra he planned to settle down to a tranquil life devoted to scholarship and writing.

Backakra is situated in Skane, Sweden's southernmost province and the nation's bread basket. The landscape lacks the mountains that Hammarskjold liked, but the scenery is beautiful and stimulating in quite another way. Castles and old country inns, medieval churches and white stucco houses, some with thatched roofs, blend into a countryside of fertile farmland and long rows of wind-swept, bending willows.

Hammarskjold purchased Backakra and its 60 acres of gently rolling pasture land in Loderup, south-eastern Skane, in 1957. The farm buildings were in very poor shape. His friend, the Swedish artist Bo Beskow, who executed the mural for the "Meditation Room" in the United Nations, personally took over the responsibility for renovating the estate. Hammarskjold visited the farm for the last time in 1959. He never lived to see the restoration completion.

Backakra, by virtue of Hammarskjold's will, is owned by the Swedish Touring Club, an organization in which he took a great interest. The estate has become something of a national shrine, but an unpretentious one. It is open to the public during the summer months, and visitors have come from all over the world.

The delightful white farmhouse, with its enclosed, cobbled courtyard so typical of Skane, contains Hammarskjold's possessions. In one room are the things he had in New York. There is his writing table and leather chair, many books and a gift he treasured most: the mountain climbing ice pick used by Tenzing, the Sherpa guide, on the first successful scaling of Everest. On the table stands a picture of his mother, from whom Hammarskjold inherited a feeling for religion and humanity.

Collectively the farmhouse rooms give the impression of a kind of United Nations of Art, reflecting Hammarskjold's wide cultural interests and world travels. There are a number of highly abstract wood sculptures by Barbara Hepworth, the English sculptress, whose work he particularly admired. There are artifacts from India, Burma and Siam, a Chinese urn and a bronze Buddha from Tibet, sculpture from Mexico and Africa. Many were gifts, tokens of appreciation, in the words of a Bangkok official, for Hammarskjold's "great service to the noble cause of international peace and security."

Three of the rooms, all fitted with Hammarskjold's personal furnishings, are reserved during two months each summer for members of the Swedish Academy. Hammarskjold himself belonged to this distinguished group which annually selects the winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Outside the farmhouse, which dates from 1840, there are several huge, sheltering trees and a grove of lilac bushes, all enclosed within a wooden fence. And beyond the pasture land, with many wildflowers, rolls out toward the distant hills and the sea. One can see crows black against the green and yellow fields and hear the sound of the cows munching grass. Everything is peaceful and pastoral.

Professor Finds Icelanders Have High Living Standards

ORILLIA, Ont. (CP) — Iceland is the last place you'd imagine pool the year round, yourself swimming in an outdoor

But Prof. Ralph Curry, his wife and two daughters enjoy a daily plunge because, despite the chill in the air during the short 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. periods of daylight, the pools are heated.

Prof. Curry, an American who is curator of the Stephen Leacock Memorial Library in Orillia during the summer months, is visiting lecturer in American literature at the University of Iceland in Reykjavik.

MOST HAVE TWO JOBS

Giving his impressions of the country in an article for the Orillia Daily Packet and Times, he says the standard of living is high but that most people hold down two jobs to maintain the standard. University instructors may work at a bank in the morning and teach in the afternoon.

There are more cars per capita than any other European country (but only about 45 miles of paved highway on the whole island).

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Prof. Curry says the people retain a close affection for Icelanders who settled in the Winnipeg area but "they always expect and want them to come home."

A new method for treating Parkinson's Disease, developed at Gaudstad Hospital, has produced promising results among 40 patients, reports medical director Carl Wilhelm Sem-Jacobsen. In his opinion, the neuro-surgical depth-electrographic method should bring very good relief to more than half of the suitable cases, and good relief for some 30%.

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